

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

Theodoric B. Lawton, )  
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Petitioner,         )  
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v.                     ) CIV-12-430-Raw-Kew  
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Oklahoma Department of Corrections, )  
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Respondent.         )

**OPINION AND ORDER**

Petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Respondent is hereby ordered to show cause why the writ should not issue by filing within thirty (30) days an answer to the petition, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. As an alternative to filing a Rule 5 answer, Respondent may file within thirty (30) days a motion to dismiss based upon 28 U.S.C. § 2244, 28 U.S.C. § 2254, or other applicable statute. *Extensions of time will be granted for good cause only, and in no event for longer than an additional twenty (20) days.* Petitioner may submit a reply to the Respondent's answer or motion within fifteen (15) days after the filing of Respondent's pleading.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

  
KIMBERLY E. WEST  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE